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To: GRP_DPS Everyone
Cc: Gaylord, Jamie
Subject: Notice: #BlueLinks - Virus and Malware Risk
Date: Monday, June 22, 2020 11:00:29 AM

All –
Please review the following information:

What:
A criminal organization is posting information on the web using the hashtag **#BlueLeaks.** A hashtag is used within a post on social media to help those who may be interested in a topic to be able to find information and data when they search for a hashtag. We have been notified that data associated with the hashtag "#BlueLeaks" contains viruses and malware that will infect your system and could compromise the agency's network.

Action:
To protect the agency's networks and systems, **Do Not** search for #BlueLeaks or download any information associated with #BlueLeaks. Doing so will put the agency at risk of a virus and malware infection. If you have accessed information associated with #BlueLeaks please call the ITD Service Desk at 512-424-5432 immediately for assistance.

Thanks,
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National News

Millions of documents from >200 US police agencies published in “BlueLeaks” trove

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Millions of law enforcement documents—some showing pictures of suspects, bank account numbers, and other sensitive information—have been published on a website that holds itself out as an alternative to WikiLeaks, according to security news website KrebsOnSecurity.

DDOSecrets, short for Distributed Denial of Secrets, published what it said were millions of documents stolen from more than 200 law enforcement groups around the country. Reporter Brian Krebs, citing the organization National Fusion Center Association (NFCA), confirmed the validity of the leaked data. DDOSecrets said the documents spanned at least a decade, although some of the dates in documents suggested a timespan twice as long.

Dates on the most recent documents were from earlier this month, suggesting the hack that first exposed the documents happened in the last three weeks. The documents, which were titled “BlueLeaks,” were published on Friday, the date of this year’s Juneteenth holiday celebrating the emancipation of enslaved African Americans in the Confederacy. BlueLeaks had special significance in the aftermath of a Minneapolis police officer suffocating a handcuffed Black man to death when the officer placed his knee on the man's neck for 8 minutes and 45 seconds.

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